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TO: Mr. Mike Johanns, USDA Secretary

In response to your invitation to participate in the Farm Bill listening session on
Wednesday, October 5, 2005 we submit the following:

We believe the present Farm Bill has basically worked for the farmer and consumer. The present bill may not be perfect, but it helps keep the farmer in business and benefits the consumer. Since the present Farm Bill went into effect, farmers' cost of inputs have risen dramatically. More specifically, energy costs have increased for some as much as 100% and higher. With some minor changes the Farm Bill could continue to keep agriculture working in the United States.

The CERP program needs to continue, but the criteria to enroll needs some changes to make it fair throughout the United States. Also, the designation of beginning or young farmer needs some changes. These designations could be better handled by state, local, county, or district boards. In the essence of time, we cannot elaborate in detail to these situations.

Finally, we believe by extending the present Farm Bill it would allow Congress and the Administration more time to work on other challenges they face at the present time.

Sincerely,



Leland White
Director
Lynn Co. Soil & Water Conservation District #119

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